

## REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of October 31, 2003 wherein the Examiner raised certain technical objections to claims 16-19. The amendments herein are believed to address the various technical objections and are not believed to further limit the claims. Likewise, the amendment to claim 20 is to correct grammatical errors, and should not be considered as further limiting thereof.

The drawings have been amended in order to put in reference numerals corresponding to the uninsulated strands 36A, the various thickness of the insulation 33I-33III and the corresponding voltage levels VI-VIII. No new matter has been added. Replacement drawings are enclosed.

The specification has been amended in order to point to the uninsulated strands 33A in Fig 3, the various thickness of the insulation shown in Fig 2, and the voltage levels therein which correspond to the dimensioned sections 51-53. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner indicated that claims 9 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 1 corresponds to claim 9 in independent form; and new claim 51 corresponds to claim 32 in independent form.

Claims 39, 40 and 43,-50 were allowed.

It is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and such a determination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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